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classes and all classes of people passing through the public path-way in Agraharams. The depressed classes are allowed through the backyards like jackals."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member should not use expressions which are not necessary for the putting of this question."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"Very well, Sir. I will not do so hereafter (laughter). But, I feel that the so-called depressed classes are treated worse than beasts and that is why I put that technical word 'jackal' (laughter). I want to know, since the depressed classes are not allowed to pass through the public Agraharams whether the G.O. No. 2666, dated 25th September 1924, passed in that connexion is being observed."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Yes, Sir, the Government Order has been published. The answer I gave to the hon. Member on the 29th October 1925, holds good to-day."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"I am glad for that answer, Sir. But the hon. the Home Member was kind enough to say in his answer, dated 29th October 1925, that if specific instances were brought to the notice of the Government he would take necessary action. Here is a specific instance and therefore may I know whether he is going to ask the Police to take effective steps in the matter?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We have brought the matter to the notice of the Postmaster-General."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"This is a question of law, Sir, and therefore may I know what the Postmaster-General can do in this matter? He can only remove the post office to some other place; but he cannot do anything in connexion with the depressed classes being prevented from passing through those streets?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"All that we thought was that if the post office was removed to some other place the trouble would stop."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"But we have been deprived of the privilege of passing through the public pathway, Sir? May I expect a suitable answer in connexion with that right of way?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I submit Sir, that that question does not arise out of the answer I have given."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member why the post office should be removed from that place?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"It is not a matter for the Government of Madras."

Announcement of G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., in Singanallur agraharam.

* 1517 Q.—Mr. R VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the G.O. No. 2660, L. & M., dated the 25th September 1924, was announced in the Singanallur agraharam, Singanallur, Coimbatore taluk, Coimbatore district;

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(b) what was the necessity to shift the post office which was located inside the agraharam to a corner of the agraharam; and

(c) whether the Government are aware that even to the present post office located in the corner of the agraharam, the depressed classes have no free access by the public pathway to transact business in the post office straight away like others?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1516.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Here, again, I am referred to the same question, Sir. I myself went to the same post office. I was asked not to get on the pial. The postman came to me and said I might transact the business through him; but I did not do so in order to maintain my position and dignity. (Hear, hear from Mr. Ramalinga Reddi). I want to know whether the Government are not going to respect the feelings of the members of the so-called depressed classes as they respect the feelings of the other classes."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We are respecting the feelings of the depressed classes and therefore we have brought this matter to the notice of the Postmaster-General."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will not bring this to the notice of the District Collector so that he might take suitable action?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The District Collector has nothing to do with this matter."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, this question refers to the right of the depressed classes to go through a public pathway. I want to know where the Postmaster-General comes in here. May I know whether the Government will not ask the District Magistrate to take suitable action on behalf of the depressed classes and allow them to go through the public pathway."

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The trouble did not arise with regard to the use of the public pathway."

Adi-Andhra Conference, Nellore and Adi-Dravida Conference, Vadathorasalur.

*1518 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have received the copies of resolutions of the Nellore District Fifth Adi-Andhra Conference, Nellore, held on the 30th December 1925 at Nellore as well as the resolution of the Adi-Dravida Conference held on 23rd November 1925 at Vadathorasalur in the South Arcot district; and

(b) if so, how many and which resolutions have been acted on?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The resolutions have been communicated to the Commissioner of Labour.